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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Judicial Council to conduct a comprehensive study of the caseload

3 data and the number of judges of each appellate court, district court, parish court,

4 city court, mayor's court, and justice of the peace court in Louisiana to determine

5 changes necessary to the existing structure of the judiciary to provide the most

6 efficient use of judicial resources, and to report its findings and recommendations to

7 the Louisiana Legislature prior to February 15, 2012.

8 WHEREAS, an extraordinary session of the Louisiana Legislature was held in the
9 spring of this year to establish new congressional districts and new districts for the Louisiana
10 House of Representatives, the Louisiana Senate, the Public Service Commission, and the
11 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education following receipt of the 2010 United States
12 Census data; and

13 WHEREAS, as population shifts from some areas of this state to others, it would be
14 prudent to examine the caseload data from each court in the state of Louisiana to determine
15 if the judicial resources are being used in the most efficient manner possible; and

16 WHEREAS, it is necessary to consider the case filing data, case weights, court
17 structure and finance, and the use of support personnel in this study; and

18 WHEREAS, it is also necessary to study the territorial boundaries and the
19 jurisdictional limits of each court.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

21 urge and request the Judicial Council to conduct a comprehensive study of the caseload data

1 and the number of judges of each appellate court, district court, parish court, city court,
2 mayor's court, and justice of the peace court in Louisiana to determine changes necessary
3 to the existing structure of the judiciary to provide the most efficient use of judicial
4 resources, and to report its findings and recommendations to the Louisiana Legislature prior
5 to February 15, 2012.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
7 Judicial Council.

DIGEST

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Requests the Judicial Council to conduct a comprehensive study of the caseload data and the number of judges of each appellate court, district court, parish court, city court, mayor's court, and justice of the peace court in Louisiana to determine changes necessary to the existing structure of the judiciary to provide the most efficient use of judicial resources, and to report its findings and recommendations to the legislature prior to February 15, 2012.